



From the Editor

Well, it's that time of the year again, and what a year it has been. NZ is still struggling with Covid. Although we no longer have any lockdowns, Covid is still exerting a significant influence. As a nation some sectors are struggling with economic downturn.

If you are struggling with any of the above, we all feel for you. I no longer have a mortgage but feel for those that do and who will be facing payment increases. With the cost of living going up so much and wages not keeping pace, it is going to get a bit harder. I am retired and our savings have to stretch just that bit further now.

Ramblings

My thoughts go to the new trend towards electric cars. I see that the police are looking at having all electric cars in 5 years' time. The government fleet is slowly changing over to electric, and we are seeing more and more electric cars on the road all the time. In fact, Tesla Y was the top selling car in September this year. Good discounts are being offered for those who buy electric cars in the right price range, and then of course there is the extra cost for those of us buying ICE cars. The new Nissan Z has an additional Government charge of \$3,500.00 for the auto and a whopping \$5,000.00 for the manual. (these are approx. figures given to me by Nissan NZ) If you are buying a new Ute, better budget for the extra fee.



While electric is fine for your day to day driving, it really falls down when planning a long trip. I have read numerous writeups from reporters taking these cars across country. Planning is absolutely essential. No more just hopping in the car and driving without a thought. Also, there will be waiting at charging stations. No problem at a gas station when filling up, even if the pumps are all taken, wait 5 minutes and it's your turn. An easy turn around of 10 minutes at the most, while with an EV you have wait time for charging and then charging time. When working out your finances for charging your EV remember to add in the costs of all the coffees along the way. The NZ Transport Agency has a map of available charging stations here. <https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/ev-chargers/> Good luck if you have young kids, and remember to stick to the main highways.

The big question for me is, where is all the power going to come from in 5 to 10 years when most of our fleet is electric. I haven't seen any plans for new hydro dams. We still burn coal in NZ to top up the grid.

The next big question is, when are EV owners going to pay for road tax. I personally feel that they should be now. Most EV vehicle owners are in the higher income bracket, so this means that the lower income people are paying for the higher income road users' tax.

Enough rant. Yes I know that global warming is a problem and we have to do our bit and Electric cars can be the short term future, but much better planning must also be part of this equation. Let's see what the future will bring. EV cars must surely be a short term only solution. When you consider that lithium is a finite resource, that the disposal of spent batteries looms as a major environmental issue, and there is insufficient power being generated on the planet to power an electric fleet of any magnitude.

One last comment, did you know that if your electric car should catch fire, because of the use of lithium-ion batteries, the firefighters advice is to let it burn out, or if one is available use a car fire Isolator blanket. Battery fires cannot be put out by conventional means. Food for thought. It is also recommended that the car be dunked into a dipping container for several days after the fire. Check out this website:

https://fireisolator.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAv9ucBhBXEiwA6N8nYFcE_3xjlcDa3_nx0b9xSzcNxx5paoVgLkvtTpr17RI8_Cylj6c5jRoC9UAQAvD_BwE

Past events

Kawhia Run



We had a good day apart from some inclement weather. The road wasn't too bad, having one nasty deep rut that wasn't easily visible and caught us all out, but no damage was done. We had about five cars drive down from Auckland and we picked up another 2 in the Waikato, Not everyone stayed to do the run out to Kawhia. Lisa with the sunset orange 350 popped in to say hello, but didn't have time to do the drive. We had three 300zx's, one 350 and Steve's BMW do the full course. There were some quite heavy downpours along the route, so care was required in judging the grip levels. We all decided on the fish and chips lunch option at Kawhia. We were served by a grumpy old bat who appeared to be acutely hung over, and indignant at being awoken by customers during her attempt to sleep it off. We headed home after lunch,



getting another chance to enjoy driving that excellent road.

Meet and Greet

We had 6 people at the last meet and greet, even being able to sit outside for some time. It was good to share a beer together. It is always good to meet with the faithful. I would encourage members to join in with these events as they give you the opportunity to meet with fellow club members who share the same passions as well as a strong interest in Zs . We will be starting these again in the new year.



Future Events

At the February Committee Meeting we will map out 2023, But till then, we have a couple of events already planned that will appear on the Website events page soon.

Waikato Garage Tour: Club members and friends only.

26th Feb 2023 Two meeting points.

Auckland: BP Drury 9.00am

Hamilton: Classics Museum 10.30am

Garage address will be handed out to Club members in Hamilton.

Finishing at the Poringia Pub for Lunch.

Classic Cover Ellerslie Concours d'Elegance Car Show: Celebrating 50 years this year.

<https://www.concours.org.nz/> This is to be held on Sunday the 12th of February 2023. We normally have around 8 cars on show and welcome cars from all generations of Z. ***If you have a tidy car and can spare a day***, could you please let me know bernie@profile-int.co.nz The bonus is that you get

From the Committee

Website: we are still busy with some upgrades. You will see some changes in the next month or so.

The committee has adjourned for this year and will meet again the first Thursday of February 2023. We are always keen to have members join us. Please contact me if you wish to attend. bernie@profile-int.co.nz

Club Caps: I have three of these left costing \$35.00 each. Contact me if you would like one.

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For Sale

Rota RKR's, Watanabe style, 15x8 p10, brand new, never used, 2 still in the box,

2 with brand new Toyo R888R's, with caps as shown.

15x7, 0 offset wheels, \$300 ono, including the tyres.



Selling items: If you have something Z related that you wish to offer for sale, or offer free to club members, we are willing to advertise it for you in this newsletter. This is a free service for club members. You can contact me for this. bernie@profile-int.co.nz

Well people, that's it from me from this year. As a committee we wish you all the best for the Christmas and the New year.

For your interest

Christmas New Year Events

27th December 2022

Show "N" Shine: Ngatea <https://cfm.co.nz/event/show-n-shine/>

1st January 2023

Worlds 1st Car and Bike Show: Whangamata Club Car Park <https://petrolhead.co.nz/pages/world-s-1st-car-bike-show>

6th January 2023

Sunset Cruise Christchurch: <https://www.facebook.com/events/>

14th – 16th January 2023

Kumeu Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival: Held over 3 days with camping available.

<https://www.kumeuhotrod festival.co.nz/>

24nd January 2023

Rotorua lake front Car Show:

https://issuu.com/vintagecarclubofnewzealand/docs/08_hbvcc_dec20_colour_email/s/11398340

26th – 29th January

Cruise Martinborough: Kitchener Street Square <https://cruisemartinborough.co.nz/>

27th – 29th January 2023

Rodders Beach Festival Orewa Reserve, Auckland <https://m.facebook.com/events/842124989843004/>

4th – 6th February 2023

Wheels at Wairarapa: Clareville Showgrounds <https://www.wheelsatwairarapa.co.nz/>

11th - 12th February 2023

Morrinsville Motorama: 42 Cureton St <https://yankeehaulers.co.nz/morrinsville-motorama/>

12th February 2023

Top of the South Motor Show: Richmond Park Showgrounds, Nelson <https://itson.co.nz/2023/26184-top-of-the-south-motor-show>

5th March 2023

Auckland Brit Euro Classic Car Show: <https://www.briteurocarshow.nz/>

12th March 2023

Frankton Thunder: Frankton, Hamilton 107 Commerce St
<tps://www.facebook.com/franktonthunder/>

22nd – 26th March 2023

Repcos Beach Hop: Whangamata <https://beachhop.co.nz/>

24th March 2023

Flying Farewell Pukekohe: Pukekohe Racetrack Auckland
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/pukekohe-flying-farewell/auckland/pukekohe>

22nd April 2023

Repcos Beach Hop Whangarei:
https://www.repcos.co.nz/en/store/Repcos_Whangarei?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIhMOv87mO_AIV0ZNmAh1TRwamEAAAYASAAEgLoafD_BwE

20th -21st May 2023

NZ MotorCycle Show: Trust Arena, Henderson, Auckland
<https://www.aucklandnz.com/visit/events/whats-on/festival-lifestyle/lifestyle-shows-expos/nz-motorcycle-show-2023>